



Senate Update for the Week of December 10-14, 2007

Last Week in the Senate

On December 13, 2007, the Senate agreed to the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment with an Amendment to H.R. 6, the Renewable Fuels, Consumer Protection, and Energy Efficiency Act of 2007, by a vote of 86 to 8.

**Note: The House passed a motion that the House agree with amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 6 by a vote of 235 to 181 on December 6, 2007. ([Legislative Digest for the Senate Amendments to H.R. 6](#))*

On December 14, 2007, the Senate passed the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007 (H.R. 2419) by a vote of 79 to 14. Majority Leader Harry Reid allowed for debate on up to 40 amendments evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans only after refusing to allow amendments to the Farm Bill in previous weeks. H.R. 2419 awaits the appointment of conferees.

**Note: The House passed a version of H.R. 2419 on July 27, 2007, by a vote of 231 to 191.*

The Senate also passed the following measures on December 14, 2007:

- The FHA Modernization Act of 2007 (S. 2338) was agreed to by a vote of 93 to 1.
- The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (H.R. 1585) by a vote of 90 to 3.

On December 11, 2007, the Senate passed the Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007 (H.R. 365 – [Legislative Digest](#)) by unanimous consent. H.R. 365 has been presented to the President.

The Senate passed the Fair Treatment for Experienced Pilots Act (H.R. 4343-[Legislative Digest](#)) by unanimous consent on December 12, 2007. The President signed this legislation into law on December 13, 2007.

On December 13, 2007, the Senate Judiciary Committee found White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten to be in contempt of Congress in connection with the Committee investigation into the firing of U.S.

attorneys. Both Karl Rove and Joshua Bolten have failed to appear and present documents to the Committee.